

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Noriyuki Kikuchi  
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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination. A final Office Action dated October 15, 2007, is outstanding. In an Advisory Action dated January 30, 2008, the Examiner refused to enter an Amendment filed under Rule 116 remarking that it raised new issues.

An extension of time of one month is requested. The appropriate fees pursuant to §1.17(e) and §1.17(a)(1) are paid herewith.

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